



HURRICANE FABIAN UPDATE

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FABIAN EVOLVES INTO CATEGORY 4 HURRICANE. MOVES STEADILY CLOSER TO THE EAST COAST (NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE LANDFALL IN U.S.)

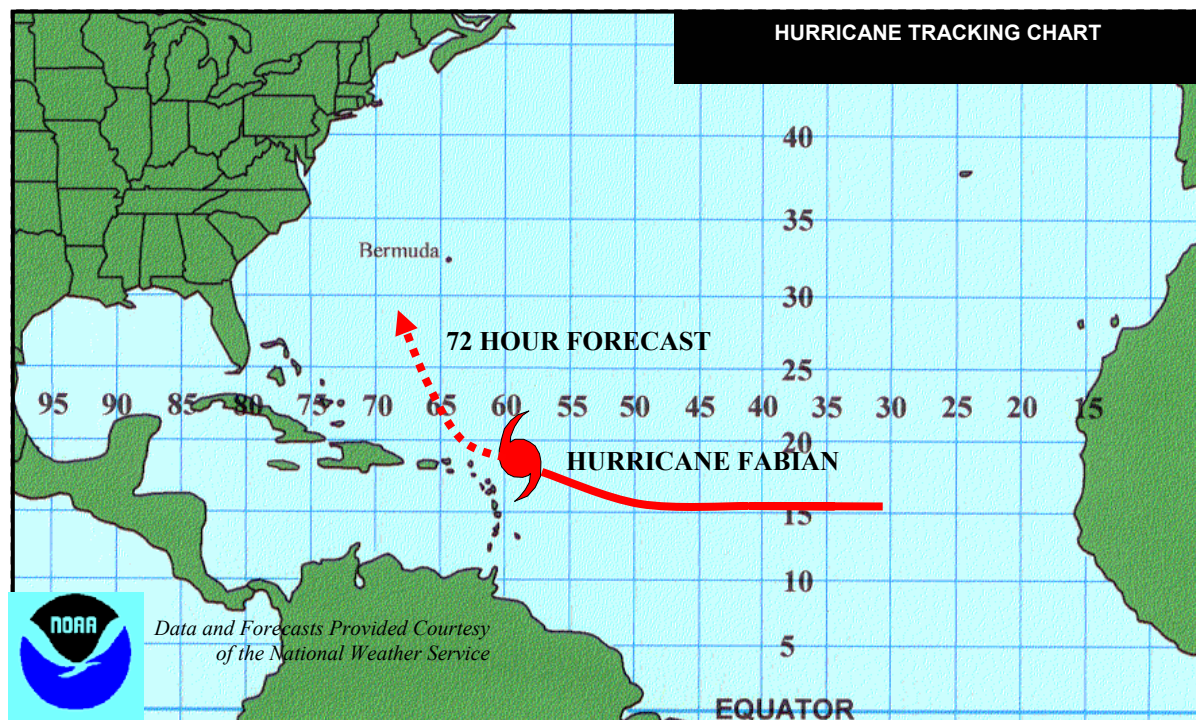
Over the Labor Day weekend, Fabian has steadily progressed in strength from a tropical storm to a Category 4 Hurricane. At 5:00 AM this morning, Hurricane Fabian was located near 19.8 N 59.7 W with sustained winds near 140 MPH with higher gusts. Currently, Fabian is roughly 195 miles northeast of Barbuda in the northern Leeward Islands. The hurricane continues to move west-northwest at 12 MPH, with this general motion expected to continue for the next 24 hours. On this track, Fabian will pass well to the northeast and north of the Leeward Islands today and tonight.

Common among major hurricanes, Fabian is forecast to fluctuate in strength over the next few days, with hurricane force winds extending up to 60 miles from the eye of the storm. Large swells and dangerous surf conditions are forecast for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the northern Leeward Islands today and tomorrow.

Because Fabian is still very much out at sea, there are no watches or warnings at this time. It is still unknown at this time whether the hurricane will affect New England.

For the latest information and forecasts on Fabian, please visit the National Hurricane Center Website at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>.

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No. of Storms

ANNUAL CYCLE OF HURRICANE ACTIVITY IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

